



Dear parents and guardians,

The Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique wishes to welcome and acknowledge the Aboriginal heritages within our school communities. It is therefore our pleasure to invite you to identify your Aboriginal ancestry if you are First Nations whether status or non-status, Inuit or Métis. Parents will be taken at their word and no documentation or evidence is required for self-identification in the case of non-status aboriginal people.

Your aboriginal ancestry may be via a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent, either in BC or elsewhere in Canada. Special targeted provincial education funds are allocated to the district to help improve cultural understanding, and academic achievement for aboriginal students based on the number of students identified. If you would like your child to take advantage of the First Nation Education program you just need to register your children's aboriginal ancestry by signing and returning the Aboriginal Heritage Self-identification Form.

The Ministry accepts the word of parents. No written or legal proof is required, recognizing that such knowledge is often traditionally oral. A simple signed declaration will suffice. If you wish, you may make your aboriginal heritage known to the school by filling out the Aboriginal Heritage Self-identification Form, and returning it to your child's school secretarial office. Have a great school year!

Best regards,

*A Veilleux*

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**Aboriginal Education**  
**Voluntary declaration of aboriginal ancestry**  
**First Nations, Inuit or Métis**

*The information below is important for your child, your school, and the CSF as it will result in increased resources for the CSF Aboriginal Education. If you have aboriginal ancestry: First Nations status or non-status, Inuit or Métis, you are invited to fill out and return this Aboriginal Heritage Self-identification Form.*

<b>Aboriginal Heritage Self-identification Form</b>	
Child's name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl <input type="checkbox"/> Boy
Aboriginal ancestry: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ (month/day/year)
<u>Aboriginal ancestry</u>	
First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Status	Status number : _____
	if known, please write the aboriginal Nation's name _____
	if known, please write the aboriginal Nation's Band name _____
First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-status *	
	if known, please write the aboriginal Nation's name _____
	if known, please write the aboriginal Nation's Band name _____
Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
*Non-status First Nation commonly refers to people who identify themselves as aboriginal, but who are not entitled to registration on the Indian Register pursuant to the Indian Act and who are not parts of the Métis Nation or Inuit Nation.	

By signing this form, you voluntarily declare that your child is of Aboriginal descent: First Nation, Métis or Inuit, and that you are aware of the services available to your child at school.

Parent or guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Parent or guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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